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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hidetaka OSAWA, et al.

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PIPETTING APPARATUS AND A METHOD OF PIPETTING A LIQUID

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2001, now due to expire January 9, 2001, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on April 9, 2001.

Please charge the extension fee of \$920.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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